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CARE PACKAGE ITEMS NEEDED FOR INJURED SOLDIERS

Secretary of Veterans Affairs Tom Johnson recently was forwarded the following letter from Senior Master Sergeant Elizabeth Christiansen who is assigned to the 332 Air Expeditionary Wing, Expeditionary Medical Group, currently deployed to Iraq. In her letter SMSgt. Christiansen requested assistance in securing some much-needed items for wounded military personnel. CDVA calls upon the California veteran community to accept the challenge and assist in securing these items.

SMSgt. Christiansen's letter:

Thank you for taking the time to speak with me. As you probably are aware, we are an extremely busy, advanced, state of the art, trauma hospital and see upwards to over a thousand patients a month. Some patients are returned to duty directly from the hospital while others are sent over to the CASF for air transportation to higher levels of health care at places such as Landstuhl, Germany.

The reason I am writing is to request your help in finding certain items that we are in need of here. Due to our high patient load, we are in constant need of hygiene and clothing items. Because of the urgency of our patient's condition, they usually arrive here without these necessities. When our rotation arrived here at the beginning of May the supplies seemed adequate, however they have rapidly dwindled, are almost gone, and we are not sure where to find replenishment. Any assistance you can provide us will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your kindness and all the work you do for the American forces.

Respectfully submitted,
ELIZABETH M. CHRISTIANSEN, SMSgt, USAF

Items for the "care packages" should be sent to:

SMSgt Elizabeth Christiansen
332 AEW EMDG/SGH
APO AE 09315-9997

Wish list of health and comfort items for patients:

- Air freshener (spray)
- Baby wipes

- Chap Stick
- Deodorant
- Female personal hygiene items
- Kleenex
- Lotion
- Magazines, CDs
- Mirrors
- Q-tips
- Shaving cream & Razors
- Shampoo & conditioner
- Stationary & Pens
- Sunscreen
- Soap & body wash
- Toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash, floss
- Sweat pants & matching shirts/T-shirts (Male & Female)
- Socks (Male & Female)
- Sports bra's (small, medium, & large)
- Woman's underwear
- Boxers
- Towels
- Washcloths
- Pillowcases
- Twin bed sheets

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